

LANCASTER FRAME HOUSE

AL-VI-B-062
Dan's Rock Road, Midland
ca. 1860

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Lancaster Frame House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Dan's Rock Road

CITY, TOWN

Midland

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER None**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

John Lancaster

Telephone #: 463-2673

STREET & NUMBER

General Delivery, P. O.

CITY, TOWN

Midland

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21542

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The Lancaster Frame House is located on the north side of Dan's Rock Road, one hundred yards from the Paradise Road intersection in Midland, Allegany County.

The Lancaster House is a two story, three bay wide, rectangular, frame structure that has been covered with weatherboard. A small gable roofed addition abuts the main block on the north side. The entire structure rests on a low stone foundation with a plain water table. Windows in the house are double hung, wooden sash frames with cornices and a combination of two over two and two over one lights. The roof is gabled with a soffit and frieze and is covered with replaced asphalt shingles. The main entrance is located on the south facade and features a door with horizontal panels and original hardware. It is covered by a one bay shed roofed entrance porch that is supported by chamfered columns and a ballustrade. Two original, corbeled brick chimneys are located in the inside ends of the house.

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8 SIGNIFICANCEAL-VI-B-065
062

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lancaster House is typical of a single family dwelling built for a miner in the second half of the 19th century. In all probability, given its location, it was constructed by the Midland Coal and Iron Company. These houses were usually one and a half stories high with a roofed porch across the front of the house. There were no cellars but the houses were set on low stone foundations. The frame was constructed of timbers mortised and tenoned together with white washed weatherboard on the exterior. Inside rooms were plastered and painted. Rent for such a building would cost a miner approximately \$3.50 per month which amounted to approximately 12% of a miner's annual income.¹

¹ Harvey, Katherine A., The Best Dressed Miners, (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1969) p. 82 & 83

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Cornell University Press, 1969)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1/17/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale.

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-VI-B-062

385/510

DATE: 12/28/76

1. Acre

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minorNAME OF PROPERTY: Lancaster Frame HouseLOCATION OF PROPERTY: Dan's Rock RoadDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: SouthNAME OF OWNER: John Lancaster 463-2673ADDRESS: General Delivery P.O.Midland, MD. 21542STORIES: 1() 2(☒) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3(☒) 4() 5() 6() 7() ()WINGS, ADDITIONS: 1 story Gable RearDwelling Shape: (square, cross rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
() LOG
() Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS PlainFOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOG, BRICK, STONEWATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICKWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2(☒) 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other() 2/1
Cornice pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: SouthHARDWARE: original(☒) replaced()FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAINPaneled, Verticle, Horizontal BoardsCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original(☒) replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, ArchitraveROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, HANGARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced(☒)PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(☒) hip() gable()CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK(☒) STONE() CORBELLED(☒) original(☒) replaced()
LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end(☒) Outside end() Central() Interior()ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - NoneSignificance - Arch

Date Constructed -

Condition - Deter

STATE OF MARYLAND
MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY





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Lancaster Frame House

Dan's Rock Road

Northeast

John E. Nelson